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Judges Jon Shindurling and Juneal Kerrick Receive Top Judicial Honors

(Boise) – Two Idaho District Court judges, Jon J. Shindurling of Idaho Falls and Juneal Kerrick of Caldwell, have received the Idaho Judiciary's most prestigious awards.

Judge Shindurling is the 2011 recipient of the Kramer Award named in honor of the late District Judge Douglas C. Kramer. The Kramer Award is presented annually to the person who best exemplifies excellence in judicial administration, by character and action.

Judge Kerrick is the 2011 recipient of the Granata Award named in honor of the late District Judge George G. Granata, Jr. The Granata Award is presented annually to the trial judge who best exemplifies the professionalism evidenced by Judge Granata during his more than twenty years of judicial service.

Both awards were presented at the recent Idaho Judicial Conference in Boise.

More on Judge Shindurling:

Judge Shindurling was honored for his efforts to improve the administration of justice in communities in the Seventh Judicial District in eastern Idaho. For example, Judge Shindurling has been instrumental in promoting and expanding problem-solving courts, including the Felony Drug Court and the JoAnn Wood Pilot Project Court. These courts have helped numerous individuals and families make life-enhancing changes. He has served as the administrative district judge for the Seventh Judicial District and as a member of the Idaho Supreme Court Civil Jury Instructions Committee.

The judge also serves on the Idaho Supreme Court's Criminal Sentencing Committee. In nominating Judge Shindurling, the Seventh District Bar Association noted his close and effective work with the local bar association, including presenting the keynote address for the local Law Day Luncheon in May 2011, and his participation in professional development activities for members of the bar.

More on Judge Kerrick:

Judge Kerrick has been a member of the Idaho judiciary since 1987, first serving for 15 years as a Magistrate Judge and for the last 9 years as a District Judge in the Third Judicial District in southwestern Idaho. Judge Kerrick has been active with both the Magistrate Judges Association and the District Judges Association in addition to serving on various committees for the Supreme Court, including the Administrative Conference, Courts and Counties Committees, Felony Sentencing Committee, and the Child Support Guidelines Committee.

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The nomination for Judge Kerrick noted her “competent, diligent, and therefore, professional” approach to performing her judicial duties.

For the past 28 months Judge Kerrick has served as the Administrative District Judge for the Third Judicial District and handled difficult administrative duties with great competence. Judge Kerrick has been especially effective in strengthening ties with county officials and legislative representatives in the Third District.

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